



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the October edition of Antarang's monthly newsletter. We'd like to begin by wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy and Prosperous Diwali! True to the spirit of the festival of light, October has been a month of sparkle for us at Antarang – successful graduations, entrepreneurial ventures taking off the ground, fundraising activities, and celebrations galore!

Run to Give



Sports and fitness not only build character, but also encourage participation in issues that are larger than ourselves. On a beautiful Sunday morning at Westin Woods, more than 600 staff from the Westin Mumbai and St Regis Mumbai hotels participated in the Run to Give 2016 charity run in support of Antarang Foundation and youth employability. The event held on 16th October saw several Antarang students lead the way! Sanjay Gupta from our Kurla centre, Vijay

and Suresh from Wadala centre, and Omkar from MD College centre finished at the forefront, and were awarded bicycles for their extraordinary efforts. Thank you Westin and St Regis for supporting Antarang Foundation and our cause of youth employability.

Graduation ceremony



20th October marked the graduation of 230 students from 20 CareeReady batches at a fun-filled and high energy event held at the KC College auditorium. All graduates are now ready to join the workforce and realise their dreams.

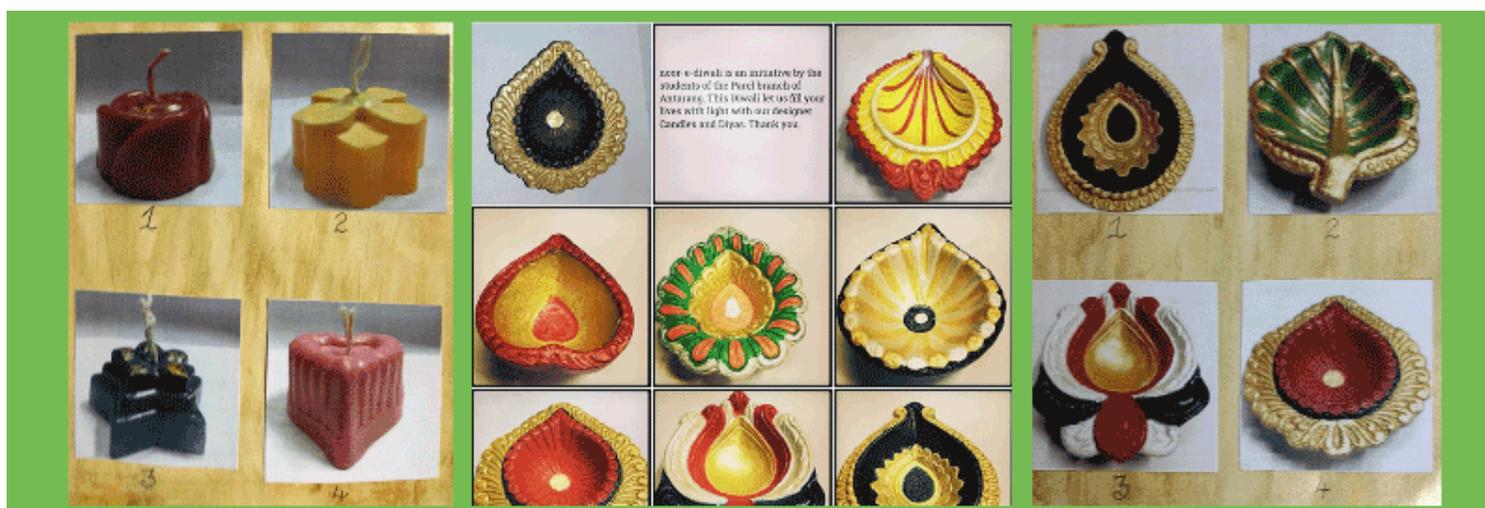
The highlight of the evening was the keenly contested 'Antarang's Got Talent' program. The tongue-in-cheek take on the state of our education system presented by the Ghatkopar batch won the show!

Alumni meet



October also saw Ghatkopar West graduates get together for their alumni meet. It was a pleasure to see our young leaders take charge of organising the event. Every aspect of the day was thought of – from planning and promoting the event, to celebrating their trainer's birthday. Team Antarang even received a special handmade card from the alumni group! A very special thanks to Ajay, Komal and Pratiksha for their initiative and efforts in making this event a success.

Entrepreneurial ventures



As part of the entrepreneurial project of our CareeReady program, students are encouraged to put on their business hats and think outside the box. For one such project, students from the Parel branch were introduced to bolder pricing techniques for superior quality products. The group embraced this concept and created a brand, Noor-e-Diwali, selling designer candles and diyas. True to the brand's promise of quality, all products were crafted with utmost care. Their designer candles sold for Rs 15 each, and diyas for Rs 30 a piece.

The students also experimented with the online market space. Products were published on [Instagram](#) wherein interested buyers could place an order by sending a direct message to the brand. A product catalogue was also designed by the group exclusively for Team Antarang. The catalogue had details about the brand and its various products.

Following the success of the project, students have decided to sustain the business! Noor-e-Diwali will be an addition to the numerous entrepreneurial success stories to be borne out of the CareeReady programme. We are so proud!

Leadership workshop



Deepak Jayaraman from our lead partner SVP India Philanthropic Foundation, and also the founder of Transition Insights, conducted an insightful session about identifying and building leadership capacity for Team Antarang.

Expert speaker session



An expert speaker session was conducted for 3 CareeReady batches, specifically targeting students who are pursuing a degree in Commerce. At the session, Rohit Bandri, Deputy Manager – Human Resources at Axis Bank, shared his experience of working in banking, and discussed the various career options available within the industry.

Diwali celebrations at Antarang!



Festivals always feel extra special and more fun when celebrating with the team! We celebrated Diwali at Antarang with lunch and laughter on the 22nd of October.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our donors and supporters for your

unwavering encouragement and generous contributions towards our efforts. We are humbled by your faith in us, and look forward to [spreading the light](#) until every young person is passionately, productively and positively engaged in a vocation of their choice.

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